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SUBJECT: Travel Documents for Use in the Balkans

NOTE. Upon our instruction (See WSC/RIR/287, Para. 2), WISCHMANN has made a trip into Austria to determine how we could possibly get hold of travel papers which are being sold by a certain stateless Russian in St. Gilgen, Austria.

1. The "stateless Russian's" name in St. Gilgen is still not known. He always introduces himself as "SERGEI". His address in St. Gilgen is House No. 691 (?), where he has a one room apartment. He has no family. He travels often to Vienna and to Trieste, Italy. Document selling is his side-line; his real business is thought to be: running Soviet agents and serving as courier into "hot" Trieste area. The documents he sells cover the Balkans and Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and the SSR/Ukraine; he does not have any papers for Poland. The price for his papers is: 5000 schillings for each set, with 2000 schillings extra for travel by privately owned car. His papers also carry all proper Soviet stamps and permits.

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2. "SERGEI's" contact man for his document selling business is another White Russian, Sergei STOLHOFF; address: Bad Ischl, Austria, Brunnstr. 5 (or 6). STOLHOFF is about thirty-two years old, is an "old" Russian emigrant, formerly residing in Berlin and working as a secretary in some German State Office. He has a brother somewhere in Munich. S. STOLHOFF is a neat dresser, has aristocratic manners about him, but shows that his finances do not permit him to live up to what he thinks is his station.

3. STOLHOFF's personal friend in Munich is a certain Estonian refugee named MARTIN. MARTIN's apartment (FK corner house at the intersection of Leopold-Prinzregenten and Isammer streets) is a meeting place for disgruntled anti-Communist Russians, Baltics, and Poles. MARTIN is a member of the Estonian National Committee. He has a toy business; employs eleven girls, and sells his products to the Munich FK.

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4. PLAN, "SARGORI" (Para. 1) is of interest to us for two reasons: (a) he has papers available which we could use for our operations and (b) he is thought to be in Soviet employ-  
ment as their courier between Vienna and Trieste and their  
buddy man assisting other Soviet agents with travel papers.

"SARGORI" cannot be trusted with a proposition to make these papers available to us. This proposition could possibly be made to Sergei STULNOFF, who is a White Russian and needs money.

It is planned to approach STULNOFF through his Munich friend, Mr. MARTIN, the Veterinarian. We will dispatch our German-Russian-Palt informant, GRELV to get acquainted with MARTIN and through MARTIN get introduced, as MARTIN'S friend to STULNOFF.

While this is being done, we would appreciate your searching available files on the life and career activity of STULNOFF. Possibly we will try to investigate MARTIN and STULNOFF. (The request to track STULNOFF is considered "very urgent".)

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